List of Joint Ventures 100% foreign investment proposals from India in Bangladesh upto April 2000 is given below:-

Projects in production	12
Projects in operation	1
Projects implemented	9
Projects under implementation	6
Projects not yet implemented	53
Total	81
No. of Pharmaceutical projects	3
No. of textile and Jute projects	5
No. of Poultry and hatching projects	3
No. of Information and Technology projects	4
No. of Engineering projects	22
Other projects	44
Total No. of projects :	81

Revival of tea industry

513. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of tea has gone down as compared to the last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken to save this industry; and

(d) whether Government propose to stop import of poor quality tea completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Ys, Sir. There has been a decline in export of tea in quantity and value terms during April-December 2001

compared to the corresponding period last year. The details of export of tea is given below:—

Period	Quantity (M.Kgs)	Value (Rs. Crores)	Unit Price (Rs./kg)
Apr.-Dec., 2001*	140.79	1245.24	88.44
Apr.-Dec.,-2000	164.56	1530.60	93.01
Inc(+) or Dec. (-) in 2001-2002 over 2000-2001	(-) 23.77	(-) 285.36	(-) 4.57

*Estimated and subject to revision

(b) The main reasons accounting for decline in export of tea include various tax and non-tax measures imposed by the tea importing countries, higher import duty on packet tea imposed by Russia and Egypt, stiff competition from other producing-exporting countries like Sri Lanka, Kenya, China, Indonesia and Vietnam, ban on import of tea ipto Iran and creation of packaging and tea bagging facilities by importing countries like Russia resulting in lower exports both in volume and value terms.

(c) The Government/Tea Board has taken various steps to resolve the problems of plantation industry in the country. The Government through Tea Board have implemented number of developmental schemes to improve productivity, quality, market developmental and price realization. Besides, various steps have been taken to boost the export of tea which includes participation in major trade exhibitions abroad, buyer-seller meets, field sampling, exchange of tea delegations, media campaigns, creating consumer awareness of speciality India tea in select markets etc.

(d) Import of Tea is allowed without any licence but is subject to provision of Section 5 of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act which stipulates that no person shall import into India (i) any adulterated food; (ii) any misbranded food; (iii) any article of food for the import of which a license is prescribed, except in accordance with the conditions of the licence; and (iv) any article of food in contravention of any other provision of the said act or rule made thereunder. The imported tea has to conform to these parameters before allowing customs clearance of the consignment into India.